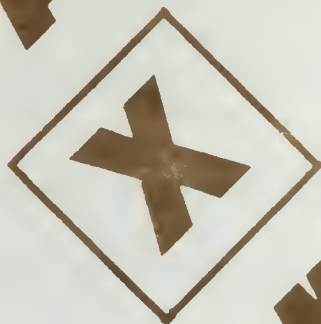


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Many registered voters in Illinois are unable to vote in person at the polling place on election day. This pamphlet provides general information regarding the correct procedures to follow in order to vote by absentee ballot.

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# ABSENTEE VOTING PROCEDURES IN ILLINOIS

## ONE

Obtain the proper application for absentee ballot from your county clerk, board of election commissioners or the governmental unit conducting the election.

## TWO

Upon receipt, complete the application for absentee ballot. Make certain to include your name, home address and the address where you want the ballot to be mailed. (In primary elections you must state your political party affiliation.)

## THREE

After completing the application, either mail it, deliver it yourself, or have someone deliver it for you. If you return the application in person or complete the application in the election authority's office, you may immediately vote your absentee ballot in the election authority's office. If you mail the application or have someone deliver it, and it is properly completed, the election authority will mail your absentee ballot to you.

## FOUR

Be certain to file the application within the following time limits:

BY MAIL - not more than 40 days nor less than 5 days prior to the election. (See no. 5 below)

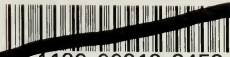
IN PERSON - not more than 40 days nor less than 1 day prior to the election.

## - note -

Registered voters who are temporarily absent from the country make application for absentee ballot not more than 100 days nor less than 10 days prior to the election.

## FIVE

After receiving your ballot, vote the ballot in secret, insert the ballot into the envelope provided, seal it, complete the certification on the back, and return it to the election authority in sufficient time for it to be delivered to the polling place on election day.



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## **WHO MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

**Registered voters expecting to be absent from the county of residence on election day;**

**Registered voters appointed to be judges of election in a precinct different from where they reside;**

**Registered voters unable to be present at the polls because of a physical incapacity;**

**Registered voters observing a religious holiday and unable to be present at the polls because of the tenets of their religion;**

**Registered voters who because of election duties in the office of a state's attorney, county clerk, a board of election commissioners or State Board of Elections will be unable to be present at the polls;**

**Registered or non-registered members of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty as well as their spouses and dependents who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day;**

**Registered or non-registered members of the Merchant Marines, as well as their spouses and dependents expecting to be absent from their county of residence on election day;**

**Civilians employed by the United States Government, serving outside the territorial limits of the United States, and their spouses and dependents, even if not registered;**

**Registered or non-registered members of religious groups, welfare agencies, as well as their spouses and dependents who are officially attached to or assistant members of the Armed Forces who expect to be absent from the county in which they reside on election day;**

**State and Federal employees who had a voting residence in the precinct at the time they entered employment, but who now reside elsewhere due to State or Federal employment;**

**A registered citizen temporarily residing overseas may vote by absentee ballot;**

**Any citizen residing outside of the country, not registered to vote but qualified to vote in a federal election, may vote by absentee ballot for federal offices.**



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